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Donald J. Propp et al.

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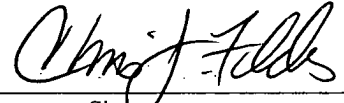
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2008, applicant submits that the Amendment filed March 28, 2008 is proper.